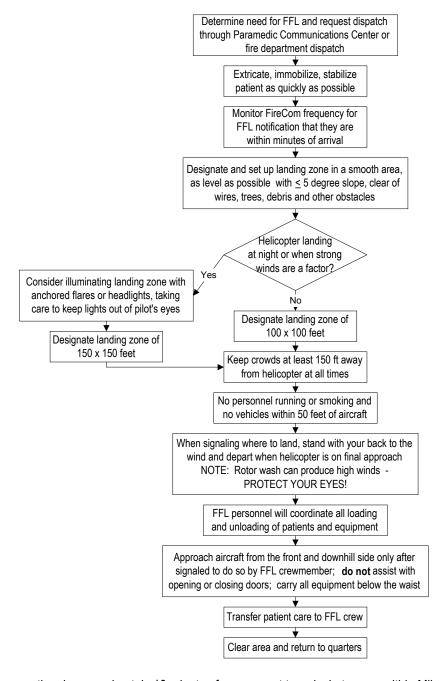
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MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS OPERATIONAL POLICY FLIGHT FOR LIFE REQUESTS

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POLICY: Air medical helicopter transportation should be considered when emergency medical personnel have evaluated the individual circumstances and have found that:

- The time needed to transport a patient by ground poses a threat to the patient's survival and recovery;
- Extrication and rescue or weather and traffic conditions would seriously delay the patient's access to advanced life support;
- Critical care personnel and/or equipment not available at the scene is needed to adequately care for the patient before and/or during transport (i.e. compromised airway, blood transfusion);
- A mass casualty incident exists requiring additional resources.



NOTES:

FFL response time is approximately 10 minutes from request to arrival at scene within Milwaukee County.